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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, TORONTO.
Corner Stone laid Ascension Day, May 14th, 1874.
First Service, November 29th, 1874.



First Church erected on rear of the lot on Beech Street.
Opened Sunday, June 16th, 1872.

HISTORICAL SKETCH



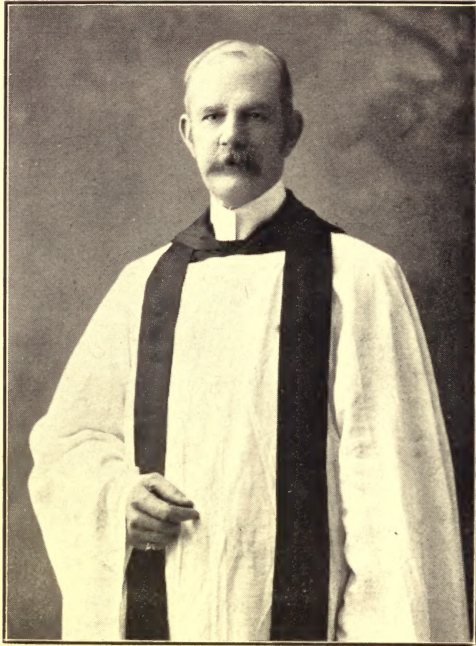
THE founding of All Saints' Church and Parish formed quite an epoch in church history in the City of Toronto of fifty years ago. Eighteen-seventy-two was the year in which Lord Dufferin came to Canada as Governor-General, Sir William Howland being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, and Joseph Sheard, Esq., Mayor of the City of Toronto. Toronto in those days was thought to be quite a big city, having a population of about sixty thousand; and this part of the city was one of the best residential sections. It might have seemed that there were already sufficient churches for the locality, with St. James' Cathedral in the centre, Trinity Church in the east, Holy Trinity just west of Yonge Street, and St. Peter's to the north on Carlton Street. A considerable group of laymen, however, felt that another church was needed, and set themselves to work to that end. The first meeting on record was held at the house of Mr. Hill, No. 8 Don Street (now Gerrard Street East, from Parliament Street to the River Don) on November 27th, 1871, A. McLean Howard, Esq., in the chair, and it was resolved:—

“That Messrs. Morton, Howard, Booth and Bryant be a committee to confer with the Diocesan Authorities and those of the Cathedral and Trinity Church, to ascertain whether they will co-operate in the formation of a new parish in the neighbourhood, and the appointment of a clergyman upon whom all can unite; and that the same committee be empowered to negotiate for the purchase of the roughcast building on Parliament Street, and to secure a lot on which to move it.”

(Signed) H. CAMERON,
Secretary pro tem.

After several meetings had been held a building committee was appointed on December 11th, 1871, consisting of Messrs. J. Lamond Smith, A. McLean Howard, James Booth and Charles Unwin. This committee considered several sites and finally purchased the present site at the corner of Sherbourne and Beech Streets, 75 feet on Sherbourne Street and 200 feet on Beech Street, (Beech Street later became Wilton Avenue and is now Dundas Street East.)

In the meantime the Right Reverend Dr. Bethune, the Bishop of the diocese, was approached and was most sympathetic. He appointed a commission of investigation, which gave a favourable report and recommended that the new parish be taken from the large parish of Trinity in the east, and be bounded



Rev. Canon A. H. BALDWIN, M. A., First Rector of All Saints' Church; a native of the City of Toronto. Educated at Upper Canada College and Oxford University, was Curate of Luton, England, and St. Thomas' Church, Belleville, before coming to Toronto.

on the north by Carlton Street, on the west by Sherbourne Street, on the east by the River Don and on the south by Queen Street. (The western and eastern boundaries have since been changed to Jarvis and Parliament Streets respectively.) There was much opposition to this on the part of the authorities of the adjacent parishes, especially the Rector of Trinity Church, and a lengthy correspondence ensued; but the matter was finally settled according to the finding of the Bishop's Commission.

At a meeting to consider the choice of a minister for the church, only two names were mentioned, viz.: those of the Rev. J. D. Cayley (late Rector of St. George's Church, Toronto), and the Rev. Arthur H. Baldwin (then Curate of St. Thomas' Church, Belleville). Mr. Baldwin was chosen unanimously, and although at first he declined the offer, he afterwards accepted and came to Toronto some time in May, 1872.

The roughcast building on Parliament Street, referred to above, was not purchased, but a modest structure of wood was erected in the rear of the lot on Beech Street, and worship commenced there on Sunday, the 16th of June, 1872. Bishop

Bethune was the preacher in the morning and the Rev. Septimus Jones of Yorkville, at the evening service. It was here that the first New Year's Eve or Watch-Night Services were held, which Mr. Baldwin was the first to inaugurate in Toronto. The church grew rapidly until the small wooden structure became altogether inadequate, and at a special vestry meeting, held late in 1873, it was decided to take steps towards building a new church. The cost of the church was not to exceed \$15,000.00, the tower and ornamentation to be left to the future. A committee consisting of the Rector, the Hon. G. W. Allan, Messrs. Morton, Green, Unwin, Fuller, R. T. Gooderham, H. Thompson, and the Church Wardens, was deputed to investigate and report to the vestry. At a vestry meeting held January 19th, 1874, Messrs. Howard and Morton became responsible to the Trust & Loan Company for \$15,000.00 to build the church. Mr. R. V. Windeyer's plans were adopted. The contract for the church was signed March 13th, 1874, Lionel York being the contractor. The corner-stone of the new church was laid with due ceremony by the Hon. G. W. Allan on Ascension Day, May 14th, 1874, and the Rector was assisted in a memorable service by the Revs. Dr. Scadding and Professor Jones. The clergy and building committee were afterwards entertained at lunch by Mr. Allan at Moss Park. The formal opening of the church took place on Advent Sunday morning, November 29th, 1874. Bishop Bethune was the preacher, and the Rector was assisted in the service by the Revs. Dr. Scadding and Professor Jones.

The new church had a seating capacity of 800, but so phenomenal was the growth and prosperity of the parish that a mission church was started at the end of Beech Street which became the Church of St. Bartholomew. This daughter church was opened February 15th, 1874, and All Saints paid part of the minister's salary (\$100.00 quarterly).

The secret of the great success of All Saints' Church was due to its popular and genial Rector; in fact, the names of All Saints' Church and Canon Baldwin were almost synonymous. He was an ideal parish priest and lived for his parish. He had a keen sense of humour and was entirely devoid of clerical pomposity. He was also obliging and pleasant in manner, and was popular not only among his own parishioners but throughout the city wherever he was known. He was especially gifted as a visitor of the sick, and invariably left the sick room the brighter for his visit. He was also attentive to the poor, and many a gift found its way from his own private purse, unknown to anyone but himself and the recipient. He had an attractive manner with children and young people, and his fondness for giving pet names is well remembered by many. His sudden death on July 15th, 1908, came as a great shock to all who knew him, and he was mourned by many as a real friend and true father-in-God.



Interior view of the Church as it is to-day.

The services of the church were always remarkably bright and cheerful, with something so homelike that the congregation joined heartily in them and responded like one family. On one occasion a visiting clergyman preached a written sermon in which he exhorted the people to respond more heartily. He afterwards apologised for his mistake, saying he had written the sermon for another congregation. All the services were well attended and on an ordinary Sunday one had to go early to get a desirable seat, while at the great festivals it was impossible for many to obtain standing-room, even the vestry being used to accommodate the people.

The choir, until within the last few years, has been a voluntary one and composed entirely of male voices; and Mr. W. E. Fairclough, F.R.C.O., who was organist and choir-master for nearly thirty years, discovered and trained many excellent voices. Owing to the increasing difficulty of obtaining boy singers, women's voices have been added and have proved most effective and popular. On the resignation of Mr. Fairclough recently through illness, Mr. H. G. Langlois, B.A., Mus. Bac., was appointed to succeed him and his services have proved most acceptable to the congregation.

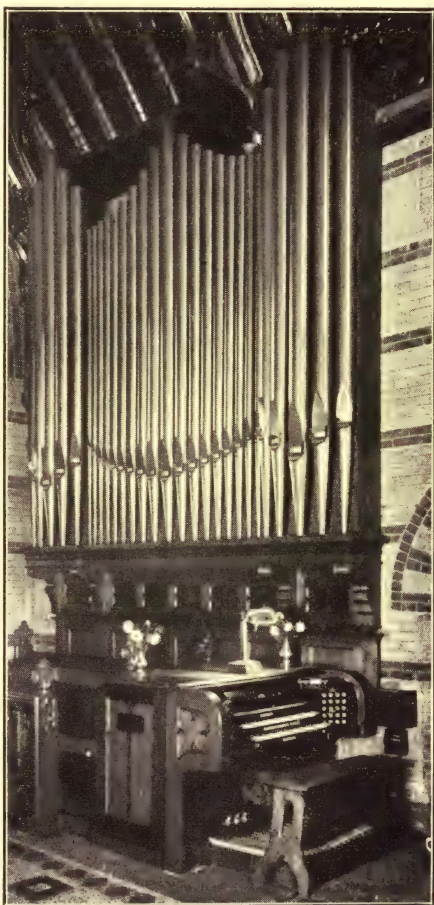
The passing of Canon Baldwin left the church the difficult task of choosing a successor. Several names were suggested,

but the final choice was that of the Rev. Walter J. Southam, B.D., who had recently returned from China, where for many years he had been engaged as a missionary of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Southam, as rector, laboured zealously for nearly ten years, during which time the church continued to prosper. His reputation as a preacher won for him a call to the important rectorship of Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg, which he accepted; leaving All Saints in the summer of 1918.

Mr. Southam was succeeded in November, 1918, by the present rector, the Rev. T. W. Murphy, M.A., who till that time had been rector of the ancient parish of St. Paul's, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Murphy came to All Saints' at a time of changing conditions in the parish. Many of the older families had moved away and new problems had to be faced in building up the membership. Under his guidance, the congregation has grown steadily and its loyalty and interest has been evidenced by the many improvements to the church and school buildings. Among these improvements, in addition to the general overhauling and repair of the buildings, may be mentioned the following outstanding ones:—

(1) The Magnificent Casavant electric organ, which was placed in the church as a memorial to the late Robert Turner Gooderham, a former churchwarden, and a member of the congregation from its inception. The organ was the gift of Mrs. Gooderham and her daughters.



View of the Consol and part of Pipes of the New Organ. Memorial to Robert Turner Gooderham, Esq.

(2) The handsome carved oak chancel furnishings as a memorial to the late Samuel Trees, for fifteen years a devoted church warden and a valued member of the congregation from



View showing the New Chancel Furnishings; Memorial to the late Samuel Trees.

its early days. These were the gift of Mrs. Trees and the members of her family.

(3) The chaste and beautiful Bishop's chair, a memorial to the late Cephas R. Beswetherick, for many years a member of the church. The chair is the gift of Mrs. Beswetherick and her daughters.

(4) The bronze memorial tablet, sacred to the memory of those members of our congregation who laid down their lives in the recent great war, and subscribed for by the members of the congregation.

Many other handsome gifts adorn the church which cannot here be enumerated. Mention however must be made of the generous bequests of the late Canon Baldwin, who bequeathed his house and library to the parish, together with a handsome sum of money to liquidate the debt on the Arthur Baldwin Hall. Also the Harry Goulding bequest of a large sum of money, which aided materially in reducing the debt on the church property. To-day we have a church property which could not be replaced for less than \$150,000.00, practically free of debt.

A review of the history of All Saints' Church cannot be closed without mention being made of the invaluable work of the ladies of the church. The Women's Auxiliary was commenced in 1886, and has rendered faithful and effective service ever since. The Mission Band was started about the same time by



Rev. WALTER J. SOUTHAM, B.D., Rector, 1908-1918. Born Birmingham, England, Graduated from Wycliffe College. Before coming to All Saints' was Curate at St. George's, Ottawa, and served eight years as Missionary Secretary for Y. M. C. A. in China.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings and Miss Agar and was the first girls' branch of the W. A. in Canada. The Willing Workers also has had a long and useful career in parish work. Branch B of the W. A. has long carried on quiet but effective work, and the "Chipmunk" Junior Auxiliary has had a remarkable career of influence and success.

Looking back over the past fifty years of All Saints' Church life, we feel that it has occupied a place of unusual prominence and importance and that the faith of the men who laboured for its founding has been amply justified.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

Many churches in every part of Canada have reason to be thankful for the wonderful influence that All Saints' Sunday Schools and Bible Classes have had on the large numbers of scholars who, during the last fifty years, have had the privilege of attending this famous Sunday School.

For several years it was the largest Church of England Sunday School in Toronto, if not in Canada, and the high place it has always taken in Inter-Diocesan and Institute Examinations is the best proof of the quality of its scholars.

All Saints' Sunday School has always been most generous in its support of missionary work, supporting its own missionaries in the foreign field. The Shingwauk Indian Home, the Hospital for Sick Children, the Red Cross Society and other charitable organizations have also received liberal support.

The earliest records in connection with the work in All Saints' Parish clearly show that the Sunday School has always occupied a most important place in the church's activities. The Easter report of 1877 records the fact that the Sunday Schools



In Memory of Clara
B. Barry.



In Memory of
George Goulding.



In Honour of
Mrs. Susan Draper.

To the Memory of the late
Canon Baldwin.

An outstanding feature of All Saints' Church is the many beautiful stained glass windows, which are the admiration of all comers. These have been added from time to time over a period of many years, and the majority of them are memorial windows, the gifts of friends and relatives of departed members of the Church.

Besides those illustrated there is the handsome Chancel Window, erected by members of the congregation in the early days of the church, and the Memorial Windows in the Transepts in remembrance of Gladys Ethelwyn Eastmure, Belinda Kent, Victor Gooderham, Ernest



In Memory of Samuel
and Chris. Frank Trees.



In Memory of
The Bishop of Huron.



In Memory Mrs. R. D.
Wilkie and Ethel Greene.

Augusta Greene and Nellie Akers.

were well attended; in the morning school there were ten teachers and one hundred children, while the average attendance in the afternoon school was twenty-four teachers and two hundred and thirty-eight scholars. It was soon found therefore that the accommodation was quite inadequate to take care of the growing needs of the work, and a special vestry meeting was held on January 30th, 1882, to discuss and make plans for new buildings. The well known architect of that day, Mr. R. Windeyer, who had designed the Church, was asked to prepare plans for a building to accommodate five hundred scholars in the main room which was to be 85 feet long by 36 feet wide, with additional infant class-room, two other large class-rooms, and a library. The resolution which was passed at the time sums up and describes the situation as follows:—

“That the new building is required for the well-being and usefulness of All Saints’ Church and to provide for the future as well as the present demands of the Church.”

The present Sunday School was the result, which called for an expenditure of over \$16,000.00 to complete.

Ten years later the growth of the Bible Classes demanded more accommodation and as a result the Rector’s Bible Class room and the Goulding Bible Class room were added, giving additional accommodation for over two hundred adults.

How the work grew and extended in the next few years is best shown by an extract from the annual report of 1899 which reads: “We have reached the utmost limits of our present accommodation, both in the infant and intermediate departments, and we sincerely trust that the way will be opened whereby the present Sunday School buildings may be extended. On December the 3rd of the same year, there was the largest known attendance in the school, viz., 644 in the main room; this, together with those in the other branches, meant a total of over 1,500 for the Sunday.”

However, the growth of the city has had the effect of causing many of our families to move eastward and northward and the pressure for more space gradually eased off, and the many changes in the neighborhood have had the result of leaving the present accommodation ample for the work.

Within the last two years improvements have been made in the lighting, flooring and in many other ways, giving All Saints’ Sunday School to-day a splendid equipment in every way.

Possibly the outstanding feature of the whole work has been the noble array of highly qualified and competent superintendents, teachers and officers whose long years of consecrated service in the Master’s work has had a wonderful and far-reaching influence.

Mrs. Draper, who started the afternoon Infant Class work, was possibly the best known and most successful teacher of her time, surrounded always by a band of loyal assistants. The work still thrives under the leadership of Mrs. Jas. H. Milnes, whose whole-hearted devotion and untiring energy for many



Rev. T. W. MURPHY, M.A., present Rector of All Saints', Toronto. Inducted November 18th, 1918. Native of the City of Hamilton. Educated Toronto University and Wycliffe College. Curate of the Church of the Redeemer, 1906-1909. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown, 1909-1918.

years has been deeply appreciated on every side.

The Rector's Bible Class for men has been a feature in the Sunday School organization for many years, being commenced in Canon Baldwin's time and continuing under the guidance of the Rectors and their assistants.

The Senior Girls for many long years had the leadership of Miss Osler, whose genius for leadership and power of influence has left an indelible mark on the women of the Parish.

The names of Miss Lightbourn, Mrs. Helmer, Miss Trees and Mr. G. F. Shaw are all well

known as leaders of large Bible Classes. The veteran teacher of the present time is Mrs. Charles Sharpe, who has been a faithful worker in All Saints' Sunday School for 37 years.

The Goulding Bible Class for Women, which was started by Mr. George Goulding on October 18th, 1891, and which was subsequently carried on by the Rev. J. R. S. Boyd, Mr. Dyas, Mrs. Samuel Trees and Mrs. Hutchins, has had a unique record for the large number of members and the many useful activities they carried on for so many years.

Owing to the great number of those who have served as teachers in the Sunday School since its inception, it has been found impossible to prepare a complete list, but remarkably faithful and efficient work has been done by them. To mention names might make invidious distinction.

Several of our All Saints' Sunday School boys entered the Ministry, graduating from Wycliffe College, amongst whom were the Rev. G. S. Despard, L.Th., Assistant at St. Paul's, Toronto; Rev. Perry Park, B.A., Missionary in India for the Y.M.C.A., and Rev. W. H. Gregory, B.A., who made the supreme sacrifice on the fields of France.

All Saints' has been specially favored with the men who, during its long career, have acted in the capacity of Superintendents. Lack of space alone prevents us from giving interesting details of these men who gave so unselfishly of their time and talents as leaders in this great work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

AFTERNOON SCHOOL

Alexander Marling
Col. K. M. Moffatt.
H. Alley.
Rev. T. C. S. Macklem
Rev. E. C. Acheson
G. H. Collins.
T. D. D. Lloyd.
A. M. Watts
George Brigden.
G. S. Despard.
Jas. D. Trees.
James Nicholson.

MORNING SCHOOL

Edward Westmacott
W. R. Mulock.
Willoughby Cummings.
J. L. Morrison.
F. A. Thayer.
T. D. D. Lloyd.
W. S. Kermann.
Dr. Risk.
G. F. Shaw.

DEACONESSSES AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

1910-1917—Miss Annie Grant,
1909-1917—Miss Annie Sedgwick.
1919 —Miss Aleah Bupre.



The Sunday School Building.



Interior of Arthur Baldwin Hall, erected for use
of boys and young men of the church

THE ARTHUR BALDWIN HALL

All Saints' Church has for many years recognized the need of keeping in touch with her young people through interest in their mid-week activities.

When the new Sunday School building was erected it was thought that ample accommodation had been provided for mid-week meetings as well as for the Sunday services, but the rapid growth in attendance and the many live organizations which developed in connection with the School made it necessary to provide more room.

Boys' work was then coming into prominence and All Saints' was well to the front with organized Boys' Bible Classes, and a large company enrolled in the Church Lads' Brigade. It was decided that the importance of this work would justify the erection of a building with a gymnasium and other rooms especially designed for boys' activities.

Canon Baldwin was sympathetic and at a special Vestry meeting, held October 28th, 1902, a resolution was passed authorizing the erection of the building which was estimated to cost \$4,500.00 on land owned by the Church at the rear of the houses on Sherbourne Street. \$2,000.00 had already been subscribed and authority was given to the Wardens to raise the balance required by mortgage.

The mother of one of our boys, Mrs. Wm. Fullerton, suggested that the building should be called the Arthur Baldwin Hall, and the name met with unanimous acceptance.

The Hall has had a splendid record in its work for the boys of the district, and numbers of young men in Toronto and various parts of Canada are ready to bear witness to the good influence which came to them there in the formative period of their lives.

At the present time it is the headquarters of the 53rd Troop Boy Scouts, and No. 11 Cub Pack, with a membership of over one hundred. A company of Girl Guides, organized from the Sunday School scholars, also use the building for their exercises.

Mr. F. H. Brigden was the prime mover in the Boys' Work from the beginning and the amount of time, and the extent of his generosity ever since can never be fittingly estimated. He is still actively engaged in the work.

Mr. Godfrey Shaw, one of the first laymen of All Saints' to interest himself in the boys, has practically given his life to this work. He is still conducting a Boys' Bible Class and acting as Scoutmaster of the 53rd Troop of Boy Scouts.

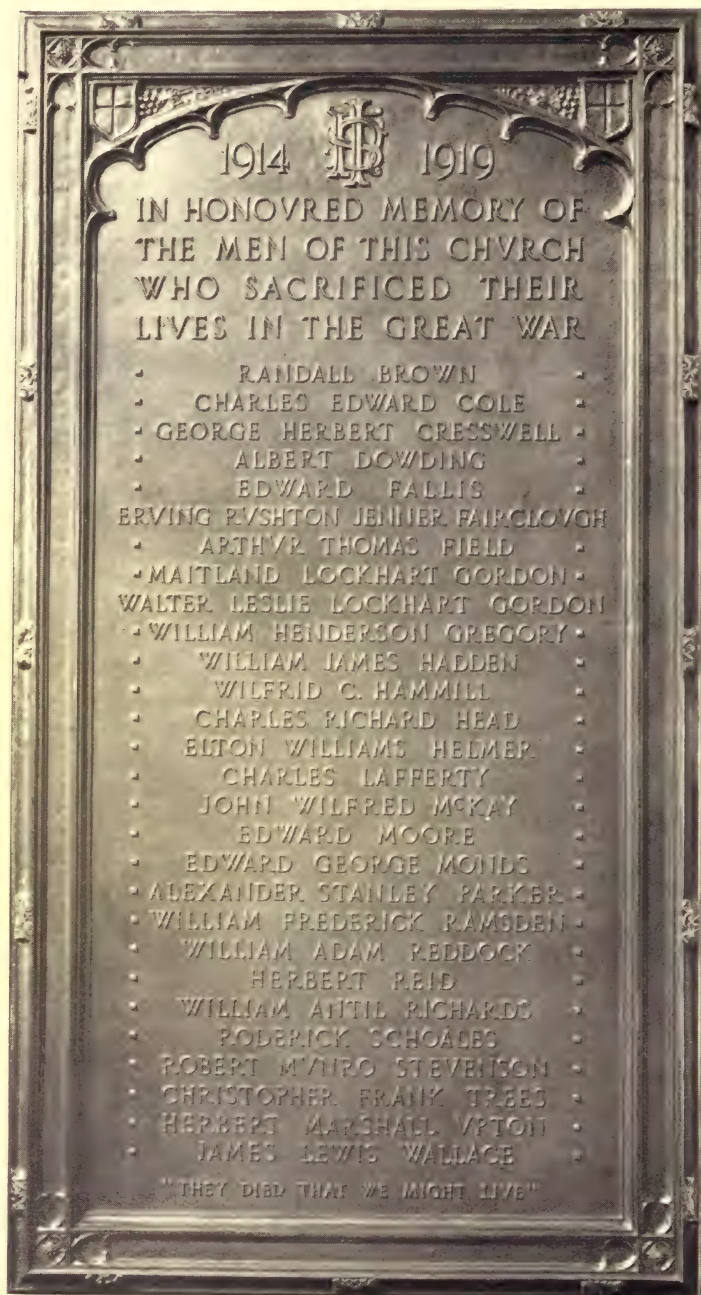
The record of these two men is unique in work of this kind.

LIST OF CHURCH WARDENS

	RECTOR'S WARDEN	PEOPLE'S WARDEN
1872-1874	A. McLean Howard	Alexander Marling.
1875-1876	Hon. G. W. Allan	Columbus H. Greene.
1877	Columbus H. Greene	R. Edminson.
1878	Columbus H. Greene	Charles Unwin.
1879-1880	Columbus H. Greene	Robert T. Gooderham
1881	H. Alley	George Goulding.
1882-1887	George Goulding	Dr. Kerkland.
1888	George Goulding	Thos J. Jermyn.
1889-1891	George Goulding	F. A. Thayer.
1892	George Goulding	E. Perryman.
1893	{ George Goulding and	F. A. Thayer.
	{ Thos. J. Jermyn	
1894	Thos. J. Jermyn	F. A. Thayer.
1895-1896	R. C. Le Vesconte	William Logan.
1897-1904	William Logan	Samuel Trees.
1905-1908	Samuel Trees	J. L. Morrison.
1908-1912	Samuel Trees	F. H. Brigden.
1913	J. B. Fleming	F. H. Brigden.
1914-1917	F. H. Brigden	Watson T. Bradshaw.
1918-1922	William Dallimore	Watson T. Bradshaw.

CURATES OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

1882	Rev. J. B. C. Beaubien.
1885-1887	Rev. T. C. Street Macklem, M.A.
1887-1889	Rev. E. C. Acheson, M.A.
1889-1891	Rev. E. C. Saunders.
1892-1895	Rev. J. R. Shields Boyd, M.A.
1896-1898	Rev. H. B. Gwyn.
1899-1900	Rev. B. Nevitt.
1901-1906	Rev. A. F. Barr, M.A.
1906-1909	Rev. H. D. Raymond, M.A.
1909	Rev. J. N. Blodgett, B.A.
1909-1913	Rev. L. E. Davis, M.A.
1914-1916	Rev. A. Walker, B.A.



Memorial Tablet erected in honoured memory of the men of all Saints' Church who sacrificed their lives in the great war.

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